MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : Are the Government aware that the Chief Engineer has not made any personal inspection of the roads even after such complaint ?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): He asked the Division Officer to make enquiries.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know the reason why the Chief Engineer is not prepared to satisfy himself by a personal inspection of these roads ?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Evidently because the complaint relates to the maintenance of a few cart roads in the Nedumangad taluk, the Chief Engineer did not consider it necessary that he should himself go to the spot.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : Are the Government aware that the amount allotted for the maintenance of the roads in the Nedumangad taluk is being divided among the P. W. D. officers there, such as the Section Officer and the Sub-Division Officer, without utilising it for the purpose for which it is intended ?

PRESIDENT : I presume the honourable member has made the allegation in his representation to Government on this matter ?

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : Yes, Sir.

PRESIDENT: Then, that will be enquired into.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): One question more. May I know how the Government are going to satisfy themselves that the Section Officer is not utilising the funds for the purpose for which they are intended ?

PRESIDENT : Question No. 307.

Pay-ward in the Kottayam District Hospital.

307. *MR. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there is a pay-ward at present in the Kottayam District Hospital ; and

(*b*) whether the Government have at any time received any representation from the public of Kottayam regarding the need for a pay-ward being attached to the District Hospital at Kottayam ?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*) : (*a*) No.

(*b*) No such representation was received. The Municipal Council at Kottayam had an idea of constructing a pay-ward in the premises of the District Hospital, Kottayam, for the use of well-to-do patients and Government have sanctioned the construction of the same, subject to certain conditions.

MR. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*) : With reference to the answer to part (*b*) of the question, may I know whether pay-wards were attached to other hospitals only after the people demanded them ?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*) : Generally, that is the case.

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MR. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*): May I have an instance of a place where a pay-ward was constructed because there was demand made for it?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*): Tiruvalla is a place where a maternity ward was established on the lines of the pay-ward as a result of demands made for it. In the case of Kottayam, as far back as 1930, the Municipality expressed their desire to put up a pay-ward in the Hospital compound itself. Government sanctioned this, subject to certain conditions. Since October 1930, the Municipality have done nothing about it.

MR. K. M. KURIAKOSE (*Muvattupuzha II*): May I know whether the establishment of pay-wards has resulted in loss or gain to Government?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*): They are certainly not reproductive.

Women and Children's Hospital at Kottayam.

308. *MR. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of Women and Children's Hospitals in the State;

(*b*) whether Kottayam has got a Women and Children's Hospital;

(*c*) the number of women patients and children patients in the Kottayam District Hospital for the years 1105, 1106, 1107, 1108, 1109, 1110, 1111 and 1112 (till 3-6-1112); and

(*d*) whether the Government have received any representation regarding the necessity for a separate Women and Children's Hospital at Kottayam?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*): (*a*) There are only two hospitals in the State set apart exclusively for women *i.e.*, the Women and Children's Hospital at Trivandrum and the Victoria Jubilee Hospital at Quilon.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) The number of women and children patients are as follows:—

Year.	*Number of patients.*
1105 ...	27,562
1106 ...	32,563
1107 ...	29,765
1108 ...	34,406
1109 ...	33,495
1110 ...	31,595
1111 ...	36,876
1112 (for five months):	13,898

(*d*) Such a representation is not forthcoming.

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